



BIOGRAPHY

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As Director of TRICARE Area Office—Europe, Captain Elizabeth S. Niemyer oversees the health benefit program for thousands of Active-Duty, Reserve and retired military members and their families in Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

A native of Annapolis, Maryland and a 1978 graduate of University of Maryland School of Nursing, Captain Niemyer was commissioned a Lieutenant in the Navy Nurse Corps in 1981. Prior to joining the Nurse Corps she worked as a medical surgical nurse, and a Public Health Nurse for the State of Virginia.

Captain Niemyer's first duty station was the National Naval Medical Center Bethesda, Maryland where she held clinical assignments as the Division Officer for the Cardiothoracic Surgery Ward and staff nurse in the Coronary Care Unit. In 1984 she was transferred to the Naval Medical Clinic Quantico, Virginia and served as a staff nurse in the Emergency Department. Following Quantico, she was transferred to Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton where she completed a three-year tour as the Assistant Division Officer, then the Division Officer of the Surgical Ward.



Promoted to Lieutenant Commander in November 1988, she was subsequently transferred to Naval Hospital, Okinawa, Japan for three and a half-years as the Risk Manager. During this tour she earned a Master of Science Degree in Human Resource Management from Chapman University. Following her Okinawa assignment she was selected to attend graduate school at San Diego State University as a full time student in the Education and Training Management Subspecialty Program. She completed a Master of Arts in Education with an emphasis in Education Technology in 1994 and fulfilled her utilization tour at Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton as the Department Head for Staff Education and Training.

Captain Niemyer was transferred to the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland in July 1997, where she served as the Special Assistant to the Commander for Total Quality Leadership and Customer Service until March 1999 when she became the Director for Managed Care. Captain Niemyer reported to Naval Hospital Rota, Spain in July 2001 where she served as the Executive Officer until July 2003 and the Commanding Officer until May 2005.

Captain Niemyer is a graduate of the Naval War College, Non-resident Program. Her personal decorations include the Legion of Merit Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (Gold Star), Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal and National Defense Medal (Bronze Star).

Captain Niemyer is married to Colonel John J. Niemyer, United States Marine Corps (retired). They have one son, Jake.